

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 836

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Corporal Jeremy Caleb Howlett McLaren of the Spring Hill Police Department.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their own concerns to ensure our collective freedom and personal safety, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, in providing for the domestic tranquility of the community as a whole, society recognizes the need for a system of laws; the enforcement of the law has been entrusted to a small number of dedicated individuals; and

WHEREAS, these individuals daily face the rigors of human conflict in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, the people of Tennessee are fortunate to be served by the brave and dedicated law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line while carrying out their essential duties; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Jeremy McLaren of the Spring Hill Police Department was one such outstanding public servant, and the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of his tragic and untimely death in the line of duty on February 7, 2010; and

WHEREAS, born on October 11, 1981, Jeremy Caleb Howlett McLaren was an avid learner and diligent student, attending Rose Elementary, Meigs Magnet Middle School, and Hillsboro High School before graduating from Nashville State Technical Community College and Walters State Community College; and

WHEREAS, a trusted member of his community, Corporal McLaren regarded his work as an officer to be of the utmost significance; his loyalty and commitment to justice fueled his determination to become an officer of the law; and

WHEREAS, Corporal McLaren served with both the Vanderbilt University and Coopertown police departments, earning the respect and admiration of his fellow officers and of a grateful public for his dedication and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, from June 25, 2007 until the time of his death, Jeremy McLaren served with the Spring Hill Police Department and was promoted to corporal on September 28, 2009 in recognition of his continued selfless service; and

WHEREAS, Corporal McLaren performed his appointed duties in an admirable manner that distinguished him as a credit to both his community and his profession; the Spring Hill community area was undoubtedly made a better and safer place during his service; and

WHEREAS, Officer McLaren was also deeply committed to, devoted to, and inspired by his loving family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy Caleb Howlett McLaren is survived by his mother, Loris McLaren; his father and step-mother, Dr. Ross and Shaolu McLaren; his brother, Stephen McLaren; his sisters and brother-in-law, Doris and Steve Gossett, Jamie McLaren, and Lucy Hsu McLaren; his nephew, Stephen McLaren, Jr.; and a host of friends, family, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Corporal McLaren leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in his public life as a law enforcement officer, compassion and loyalty in private life, and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should join all Tennesseans in remembering the bountiful life of this courageous officer, dutiful public servant, and exceptional human being who made the ultimate sacrifice in the cause of public safety; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Corporal Jeremy Caleb Howlett McLaren, an

exceptional officer and young man, recalling his impeccable character and stalwart commitment to living an exemplary life.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Corporal McLaren.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.